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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 February 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to the original filing of February 17, 2004. Claims 1-8 are pending and have been considered below.

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: the examiner notes the use of acronyms (e.g. JPEG, XML, etc.) throughout the specification without first including a description in plain text, as required.

Appropriate correction is required.

2. The uses of the trademarks MICROSOFT INTERNET EXPLORERTM, NETSCAPE NAVIGATORTM, WINDOWS XPTM etc., have been noted in this application. They should be capitalized wherever they appear and be accompanied by the generic terminology.

Although the use of trademarks is permissible in patent applications, the proprietary nature of the marks should be respected and every effort made to prevent their use in any manner which might adversely affect their validity as trademarks.

Drawings

3. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: 2, "Figure 107", 44, 10. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37

CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Khemlani et al. (US 6,772,146).

Claim 1: Khemlani discloses a system for a website for financial information comprising:

- a. an internet content storage module operable to receive and store content from a pre-identified internet web site in a memory (column 4, lines 12-63);
- b. a personal content storage module operable to receive and store at least one of content and a software application from a user in the memory, wherein the

persona; content storage module is adapted to receive a software application from the user for integration into the personal portal page (column 4, lines 45-52);

c. a content selection module operable to receive a selection from the user representing at least one of the content from the Internet web site and at least one of the content and the software application from the user (column 4, lines 28-35);

d. a portal page layout module operable to place only the at least one of the content and the software application represented by the selection from the user in the personal portal page according to a predefined specification (column 4, lines 39-42);

e. a portal page layout modification module operable to receive input from the user that represents at least one change to the predefined specification, wherein the portal page layout modification module uses the input from the user to modify the predefined specification, and to display the personal portal page according to the modified predefined specification (column 5, lines 63-65).

Claim 2: Khemlani discloses a system for a website for financial information as in Claim

1 above, further comprising:

a. a content restriction module, wherein the at least one of the content and the software application is restricted from an other user (column 13, lines 6-11).

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Claim 5: Khemlani discloses a system for a website for financial information as in Claim 1 above, further comprising:

- a. a portal section layout module to define specifications for each respective ones of portal sections (column 5, lines 65-67 to column 6, line 1).

Claim 7: Khemlani discloses a system for a website for financial information as in Claim 1 above, further comprising:

- a. a personal portal page template module that defines a template for future personal portal page development and based upon the input received by the portal page layout modification module (Column 4, lines 45-52).

Claim 8: Khemlani discloses a system for a website for financial information as in Claim 1 above, further comprising:

- a. an administrative user module that enables the user to restrict access to the at least one of the content and the software application by another user (column 14, lines 41-47).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

- (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 3, 4, and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Khemlani et al. (US 6,772,146).

Claim 3: Khemlani discloses a system for a website for financial information as in Claim 2 above, but does not explicitly disclose a fee schedule module, wherein a fee is charged to the other user for access to the at least one of content and a software application. However, Official Notice is taken that it is old and well known within the computing arts to charge external users for accessing web sites and databases. For example, America OnlineTM charges users to sign up for their Internet service.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to charge users to access the content of a web portal. One would have been motivated to charge users to access the web portal in order to gain profit for providing a customized interface.

Claim 4: Khemlani discloses a system for a website for financial information as in Claim 1 above, but does not explicitly disclose a technical specification module providing software programming code to the user to integrate the software application into the personal page. However, the user is provided with an edit content window, in which the position of the modules and which modules are to be displayed can be edited (column 13, lines 6-25). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made that programming code is provided to the user in order to edit the content of the web portal. One would have been motivated to include

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programming code to incorporate separate software modules in for customization purposes.

Claim 6: Khemlani discloses a system for a website for financial information as in Claim 5 above, but does not explicitly disclose the technical specifications include at least one of background color, text, font type, text point size, background image, and border color. However, the user is provided with an edit content window, in which the position of the modules and which modules are to be displayed can be edited (column 13, lines 6-25). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made that the appearance of the page can be modified, which may include changing background images, border color, background color, etc. One would have been motivated to include the option of changing these preferences for customization purposes.

Conclusion


8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Omar Abdul-Ali whose telephone number is 571-270-1694. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri(Alternate Fridays Off) 7:30 - 5:00 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Myhre can be reached on 571-270-1065. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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